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General Earle G. Wheeler
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In Admiral Raborn's absence I am replying to your invitation to join you as members of Senior Teams in the politico-military game, NU-66 (U), scheduled for January 1966. Unfortunately, prior commitments prevent both Admiral Raborn's acceptance and my participation. Substituting for us will be Dr. Sherman Kent, Chairman of the Board of National Estimates, and Dr. R. J. Smith, our Director of Current Intelligence.

CIA players at the action level will be highly qualified specialists in the various geographic areas involved in the game. Our representatives are working closely with your officers in the Joint War Games Agency in connection with the development of the game scenario.

I regret that circumstances deny Admiral Raborn and me the opportunity of taking part personally in the exercise, and I wish you every success in the conduct of the game.

Sincerely,

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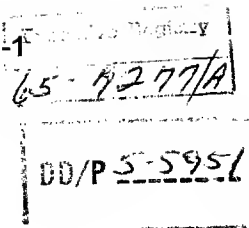
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Dear General Wheeler:

In the absence of Admiral Raborn I am replying to your invitation for him and me to join you as members of Senior Teams in the politico-military game, NU-66 (U) scheduled for January 1966. Prior commitments prevent his acceptance of your invitation, and I shall unfortunately not be able to participate for the same reason. Substituting for us will be Mr. R. J. Smith, Director of Current Intelligence, and Mr. Sherman Kent, Director of National Estimates.

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Dear Red:

As the first senior level effort in our FY '66 program of politico-military games, NU-66(U) is scheduled to be conducted during January. It will examine, in a mid-range time frame, problems associated with armed aggression by a Communist China which has achieved a limited nuclear delivery capability. I hope that you will be able to join me as a U.S. "Senior" or if that is not practicable that you will designate a high level alternate.

To reduce conflict with other activities we propose to have the Seniors meet only once a week in Room BC 942A at the Pentagon at 1600 hours on Tuesdays, 11, 18 and 25 January. There will be a Final Review and Discussion at that same time on Tuesday, 1 February in Conference Room 5C 1045.

We have modified the exercise format along lines suggested by McGeorge Bundy to permit two concurrent games each consisting of a "United States", "Red Chinese" and "Indian" team. A single Control Group, monitored by Professor Tom Schelling of Harvard, will make sure that each game explores a challenging array of problems. The games will relate to the recent work of a State Defense Study Group and should provide a useful opportunity to examine some of the long-range implications of our Asian policies.

I would also like to invite participation by one other CIA official as a member of a CHICOM Senior Team. Richard Helms has been suggested, and in order to assure an inter-agency balance we would appreciate five or more action level nominations. One each would serve on a "United States" team, a "Red Chinese" team, an "Indian" team and two on Control. It would be helpful if in addition to being generally knowledgeable in the problem area the Control participants could provide Indonesian and Soviet inputs.

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25X1 Suggestions regarding issues, problems and questions to be explored and ideas for use in the development of scenarios will be sought and administrative details coordinated with [] in the usual manner by representatives of the Joint War Games Agency.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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EARLE G. WHEELER
Chairman
Joint Chiefs of Staff

The Honorable William Raborn
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

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